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On April 14, 2000, the Examiner phoned to inform Applicant that independent claims 10, 11, 24, 26 and 28 and the claims depending therefrom were allowable upon reconsideration. The Examiner further suggested that claim 1 would be allowable if amended to recite a process chamber.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite a process chamber. The claims depending from claim 1 has been correspondingly amended. Thus, it is believed that claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance. Applicant makes these amendments without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the rights to pursue previous claim 1 (and other claims) in continuing applications.

In addition, a minor error in claim 24 has been corrected.

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CONCLUSION

The above-discussed amendments and remarks are believed to place the present application in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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